information desired by the hon. Member it would be necessary to examine the records in each case. As the average number of suits in an Indian Civil Service division according to the latest statistics is twice as many as in a Provincial Civil Service division it is probable that the additional assistance was most required for Indian Civil Service divisions, but this has not invariably been the case.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the Government can give us some idea of the number of cases in these divisions? The answer contains such vague phrases such as 'large number of cases,' 'double the ordinary number,' 'it is not invariably the case'. My suggestion is that whatever may be the division, whether it is Indian Civil Service division or Provincial Service division, the deputy collectors in charge of such divisions have not had any assistance."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" When the question was sent in the records were looked into, and out of some dozen cases taken out, there were three or four in which assistance was required in Provincial Service divisions."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I want to know whether deputy collectors in charge of Indian Civil Service divisions were at any time given this assistance?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" It is difficult to say, Sir, because when an additional man is posted to the district it is possible that the division might or might not have been in charge of a deputy collector. We have to look up the records and I could not say off-hand."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Sir, in the pre-reform Council I moved a resolution that only deputy collectors who are B.A.'s and B.L.'s. should as far as possible be posted for doing this work of special deputy collectors for trial of suits under the Estates Land Act, and the Government gave an assurance that they would try to post such people as far as possible. May I know whether this wholesome principle has been kept in view as far as possible, for I have seen that there are number of qualified deputy collectors available and yet I have not seen them appointed to these places?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not know, Sir, and I would require notice of the question."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Will the hon. Member look into the matter and see what can be done in the matter?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member will put down a question, yes."

Economic Condition.

Destruction of houses by fire in Kalambur.

* 448 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that almost the whole of the Vanniar street in Kalambur, near Arni, in North Arcot district, consisting of 44 houses was completely burnt down recently ;

(b) whether the local union sent up a report of the same to the authorities concerned;

(c) whether a mahazar was submitted by the sufferers as well as the people of the village to Government praying for relief measures for the people rendered destitute and homeless by the fire;

(d) whether this mahazar was submitted to Government on 9th June through the local Revenue authorities;

(e) whether these poor people are now living under temporary 'tattis' and shelters which do not afford any protection from wind and rain; and

(f) whether Government are issuing any orders as to free issue of palmyra stems, bamboos and thatching materials to these people?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No report from the Union authorities was received by the Collector.

(c) & (d) The Government have not received any mahazar from the sufferers or from the people of the village.

(e) The Government have no information as to this.

(f) The Collector has sanctioned a free supply of two palmyra trees, two bundles of bamboos and two cart-loads of thatching grass to each of 42 individuals.

Damages due to floods of July and August of 1924.

*449 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received further details of damages in the affected districts by the floods of July and August of last year;

(b) whether the Government will place those reports on the table of the House; and

(c) the amount and nature of relief granted so far by the Government?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The latest information available is appended.[a] The Government have also supplied tram lines and trucks for the use of the Co-operative Societies at Maruvur, Edayathumangalam and Murungapettai.

In Trichinopoly district, the Government have given the choice to the holders of wet lands covered with sand to a depth of over one foot between having the land reclassified as dry for the period of the resettlement to be introduced in fasli 1335 and retaining it as wet with remission until the sand is removed.

The Government have also directed that a new village-site measuring about 11 acres should be acquired and paid for at the cost of Government and sites therein assigned free to 140 families of Murungapettai and have sanctioned a compassionate grant of not exceeding Rs. 100 per house to the poorer families and loans not exceeding Rs. 500 in each case for building new houses to the more well-to-do ryots at the concession rate of 4 per cent for the first five years.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 844 infra.